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Welcoming Home the TS Empire State VI Following Its Historic Mission to the Gulf Coast

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the recovery of regional infrastructure, providing berthing for up to 400 petroleum industry workers and dependents at a time and serving more than 125,000 meals. This achievement constituted more than half the total berthing and meals provided by all MARAD ships deployed in hurricane relief operations.

William Cahill, Acting Director, Ship Operations, praised the performance and dedication of the *Empire State's* crew on behalf of Acting Maritime Administrator John Jamian. Also attending the ceremony were Nuns Jain, Director, South Atlantic Region; Robert McKeon, Director, North Atlantic Region; Paul Gilmour, Chief, Division of Maintenance and Repair; and Gerry McNamara, Marine Surveyor, who is responsible for the maintenance and readiness of the *Empire State*.

The TS Empire State VI at 7th Street Wharf, General Cargo Docks, Port of New Orleans.

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The entire crew of the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Training Ship *Empire State VI* was honored with a special welcome-home ceremony at Throgs Neck, New York, March 9, for providing outstanding hurricane relief service to the Gulf Coast region during the ship and crew's recent historic six-month deployment.

The ceremony, held on the Maritime College campus of the State University of New York, was sponsored by MARAD's Office of Ship Operations and South Atlantic Region. MARAD officials, along with university officials including the college's acting president retired Navy Vice Adm. John Craine, were joined by scores of Maritime College cadets to welcome home the recently returned crew, recognize their exceptional seamanship and professionalism, and thank them for their service to their fellow Americans in need.

During its deployment as part of the Hurricane Katrina relief operation, the *Empire State* played a critical role in



Officers and crew members of TS Empire State VI.